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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the enclosed references which were cited in a June 4, 2003 European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in connection with related European Application No. 00939624.3-2403-US0015621. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) provides a period of three months for the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement containing information first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Accordingly, an Information Disclosure Statement based on information cited in the June 4, 2003 European Search Report is due September 4, 2003. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is being timely filed.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted as a supplement to the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 4, 2002. The European Search Report is enclosed herein as **Exhibit 1**. Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

1. Brown A.L. and Kay G.F., *Bex 1, A Gene With Increased Expression In Parthenogenetic Embryos, Is A Member Of A Novel Gene Family On The Mouse X Chromosome, Human Molecular Genetics* (1999) Vol. 8, No. 4, p.611-619 (**Exhibit 3**);
2. Ye X., Mehlen P., Rabizadeh S., VanArsdale T., Zhang H., Shin H., Wang J.J.L., Leo E., Zapata J., Hauser C. A., Reed J.C. and Bredesen D.E., TRAF Family Proteins Interact With The Common Neurotrophin Receptor And Modulate Apoptosis Induction, *The Journal of Biological Chemistry* (1999) Vol. 274, No. 42, p.30202-30208 (**Exhibit 4**);
3. Merja S.H. et al., Nerve Growth Factor Signaling Through p75 Induces Apoptosis In Schwann Cells Via A Bcl-2-Independent Pathway, *The Journal of Neuroscience* (1999) Vol. 19, p.4828-4838 (**Exhibit 5**);
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(Exhibit 6); and

5. Strausberg R., Nerve Growth Factor Receptor Associated Protein, Database NCBI Online!, 8 May 2002, Database Accession No. BCX027815 XP002234199 (Exhibit 7).

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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